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OFFICIAL REPORT ON HK COST OF LIVING Twelve per cent increase over March, 1947, index HIGH PRICE OF RICE

Cost of living, calculated on a base of 100 for March, 1947, has increased by 12 per cent by the end of last month. It was held in check until June last but subsequently rose, according to an official report on the cost of living in Hong Kong.

Navy LST explodes in Sydney

Three Australian navy mines were blown to pieces on a ship in Sydney harbor today and 20 other persons, some in flames, were dragged off alive by rescue squads which had to cut through the hull with acetylene torches to reach them.

Five swimmers through the Australian navy mines, following an explosion which rocked the dock where the vessel was moored.

Men aboard sailors and dockworkers eating their breakfast in the enlisted mess were trapped by flames which enveloped the dining hall.

Other naval personnel at the base stood helplessly on the docks as those aboard the Tarakan screamed through portholes for help. Thick black smoke clouds all but hid them from view.

Then, firemen played water through the portholes in an effort to keep the flames from spreading while others lunged vainly to reach the victims in their below deck internment.

When rescue workers cut a hole in the vessel's side just above the water line, few in the Tarakan were able to creep out. Others, some with strips of flesh hanging from their bodies, were dragged through the twisted steel hull and rushed to doctors waiting at the quay.

First reports said that five were killed but an official Navy communiqué announced that three were dead and 23 hospitalized with severe burns. Two others were treated at the scene.

Four of the injured—three naval and one civilian personnel—were described as in "dangerous" condition.

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JAP TRADE WITH STERLING AREA

Tokyo, January 25. Japan and the sterling area began a semi-annual trade review today, General MacArthur's Headquarters announced.

Mr. Russell Hale, acting chief of the American Economic and Commerce Division, said representatives of SCAE and the sterling area set up committees to determine what action was necessary to bring trade into balance.

At present Japan holds a US\$ 30,000,000 balance which must be made up by more Japanese buying in the sterling area before sterling area purchases can be resumed on a large scale—United Press.

THE WEATHER

At 6:00 AM (GMT) the anti-cyclone centered over N. China, south Yellow Sea, and Korea. An anti-cyclone has built up over Japan and spread South Eastwards. A weak trough is forming over the lower Yangtze and extending Southwards along the S. China coast.

The Report, released yesterday, added that since the war manual workers have received, relatively, very considerable increase in wage rates and their standard of living has in consequence improved.

The standard of living of the clerical worker, however, has remained static, if it has not deteriorated.

The Report said that if more could be made available at a lower charge for rationed supplies, the Food Index Figure would fall substantially.

It added that it is the high price of rice that has necessitated the post-war increase in labour wage rates (from 300 to 600 per cent above levels of before the war) which are smothering local industries with high overheads and indirectly forcing the whole price structure of the urban community into the spiral of inflation.

The Report starts by reviewing the economic position of the Colony in the eighteen months after the Re-occupation and shows that one of the major problems which had then to be faced was the adjustment of wage and salary rates in the light of the major changes which had taken place in the cost of living since before the war.

The Japanese occupation had seriously curtailed rice production in South East Asia and the shortage of rice and its high price were chiefly responsible for the marked rise in the cost of living after the war.

In Hong Kong, in March 1939 a catty of good quality rice cost seven cents. In March 1947 a catty of Government rationed rice of indifferent quality cost 44 cents while a catty of "free market" rice (Kam Fung Shuet) varied between 85 cents and \$1.35.

Unskilled and semi-skilled labourers normally spend a large part of their earnings on rice and this serious rise in price made it necessary for employers soon after the Re-occupation to concede wage rates six to eight times the pre-war level.

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These adjustments inevitably increased the cost of living of all other sections of the community, since they were reflected in the prices of all goods and services in which labour cost formed a substantial element.

The situation was aggravated by the general shortages of the post-war period which were world wide. The result was that Hong Kong was in grave danger of being drawn, like many other countries into the post-war spiral of inflation.

The situation was, however, kept in hand by various measures such as rationing, prices control, Government purchases of supplies and rent control and although the cost of living reached a peak in 1946 and was still high in March 1947 it fell thereafter and for a period of two years was held in check.

A description is given in the Report of the calculation of the cost of living figure on a 1939 base. These calculations showed that in March, 1947, the cost of living of Chinese and Portuguese clerical and skilled technical workers in Hong Kong was approximately six times that of pre-war days. Subsequent calculations on the same basis taken each quarter from June 1947 onwards showed that the cost of living of this class of the community fell considerably over the next two years but in consequence of recent increases in the price of rice and other foodstuffs it rose again to a peak in December, 1949, some 50 points above the level of March, 1947.

The calculation of index figures on a pre-war base shows excessive variations from quarter to quarter. It was decided in October 1948 on the advice of a Committee appointed to examine

cost of living allowances to be paid to Government staff to abandon the Retail Price Index calculated on a 1939 base and to substitute for a Retail Price Index calculated on a base of 100 for March 1947, thus establishing a more up to date and realistic instrument for the measurement of movements in the cost of living.

The results of the calculations on the new basis were as follows—

Index Figure	Index Figure
March 1947 (base period 100)	92
June 1947	97
September 1947	88
December 1947	88
March 1948	94
June 1948	94
September 1948	96
December 1948	92
March 1949	105
June 1949	105
September 1949	105
December 1949	112

These Retail Price Index figures express the prices of commodities combined in a certain manner to reflect a particular standard of living at one date (in this case March, 1947), in a figure of 100 while the prices of the same commodities combined in the same manner at a later date are expressed.

For example, in an index of 200 it means that the cost of living has risen 100 per cent or in other words has doubled since the base date; or if the prices have fallen to half the previous level, in an index of 50 (i.e. 50 per cent of 100) the index for the base date.

Thus the index figures quoted above show that while the cost of living was held in check until June 1949, it subsequently rose until at the end of December, 1949, it was 12 per cent above the level of March, 1947.

The index figure reflects movements in the cost of living of an "average" household of the particular class of the community concerned, that is to say, of a household spending the average amounts on each of items of household expenditure which a number of households of that class of the Community are found, in a budgetary enquiry, to be spending over a given period.

It was based on an enquiry into the expenditures of the Chinese and Portuguese clerical and skilled technical workers.

While it expresses movements in the cost of living of what may be described as the middle class of the Community, it does not precisely reflect movements in the cost of living of the other two major classes into which the urban community of Hong Kong may be divided in terms of general standards of living, i.e. the labouring class on the one hand and Europeans and persons who have adopted a Western standard of living on the other.

The figures do, however, give a general guide to major trends in the cost of living of the community as a whole.

Manual workers better off

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New Egyptian Premier



Mugata of Nasser Pasha, vote as, Walidist party leader and Egypt's New Premier (right) receive congratulations from his predecessor Sirry Pasha, at the Royal Palace in Cairo after King Farouk entrusted Nasser Pasha with formation of a new Government. Sirry Pasha heads a Neutral caretaker Cabinet which supervised the recent general elections in which the Waft won a substantial major. (A.P. Photo)

CAT hits Macao transfer of airline radio equipment

Officials of the Portuguese colony of Macao were accused yesterday of surrendering to the Chinese Communists an estimated U.S.\$2,000,000 in airline radio equipment which General Claire Chennault claims for his CAT Incorporated, reports Associated Press.

A CAT representative said the equipment was removed last Friday from a Macao warehouse. A large Chinese junk was reported to have carried it to a Communist port adjacent to the colony.

CAT earlier this month asked the Macao Government to provide police protection for removal of the property. The Macao authorities informed CAT that the disposition of the property must be made by the courts since there were other claims to its possession.

Employees of the former Nationalist Government - operator CNAC airline who defected to the Communists have claimed ownership for the sets. They actually opposed CAT efforts to have the equipment transferred from the colony.

The property was originally stored by CNAC. CAT Incorporated claims to have purchased all CNAC assets from the Nationalist Government.

The figure of US\$2,000,000 is the valuation placed on the equipment by Mr. John Williams, CAT's communication chief. There is no other estimate available.

Arsenal in Jakarta raided

Jakarta, January 25. Indonesian military police killed two men, wounded a third and arrested 14 others in a raid today on a secret guerilla arsenal in the heart of the capital.

The men were killed when they attempted to resist entry of the police into a warehouse. The police seized dozens of light automatic weapons and rifles and hundreds of rounds of ammunition.

The raid was made during a city-wide manhunt for followers of Dutch guerilla leader R.P.P. (Turk) Westerling, whose band of outlaws raided the West Java city of Bandung on Monday, killing scores of persons.

More trouble

There were other signs that trouble for the U.S. Government apparently was spreading. The Indonesian news agency Antara reported that the West Java town of Tjandjor was attacked by guerillas last night.

After a gun battle the attackers withdrew, Antara said. "Unofficial" sources in Jakarta declared the fighting went on until morning.

Identity of the attackers was not disclosed, although Antara claimed they were in Dutch uniforms. Observers expressed belief the guerillas were members of Westerling's forces, but this has not been confirmed.

Westerling, 30, is a militant exponent of a strong West Java state. He was formerly a Captain of Commandos in the Dutch Army—Associated Press.

PI WATERSPOUT KILLS 4 PERSONS

Manila, January 25. A press report from Ormocita, on Northern Mindanao, said today that a powerful waterspout hit a house near that town, killing three women and a man and causing the disappearance of three other persons—United Press.

ELSIE MOLLER RETURNS FROM SHANGHAI EXPLOIT

A small British motor vessel, which broke the blockade to Shanghai on January 12, arrived back in Hong Kong yesterday.

She is the 400 ton mv. Elsie Moller, the first foreign ship to successfully break the Shanghai blockade during the past two months.

While two Nationalist warships were keeping a 10,000-ton American ship, the ss Flying Arrow, under surveillance after damaging her on January 9, the Elsie Moller went into Shanghai using the shallow and uncharted North Channel.

At November, the Elsie Moller was also successful in breaking the Nationalist blockade, but her rudder was damaged after Communist machine-gunners forced the ship against the shore and she was leaving the North Channel.

The Communist military authorities explained that the ship was not expected, and later, apologized to the Elsie Moller's captain, Mr. G. O. Gulehouse.

At that time the Communist officials told the ship's officers they had fired on her main mast and signal one long blast from her whistle—the ship would then be allowed to pass.

While unloading cargo in Shanghai, Nationalist warplanes attacked the city three times, however, the Elsie Moller was not damaged.

After spending 11 days in Shanghai, the ship left for Hong Kong on January 21 with 17 bags of mail and 450 tons of general cargo.

Chinese members of the crew were able to visit Shanghai freely, but the European officers were required to obtain special passes.

There has been no confirmable report of the American ship, ss Brooklyn Heights, since that ship reached the Yangtze river area over the week-end.

The 8,000-ton Isbrandtsen-owned merchant ship would presumably have established immediate radio contact with Hong Kong if the ship had been stopped by warships.

One report, wholly unconfirmed, stated that the ship had broken the Shanghai blockade late on Monday.

However, the local agents for the Isbrandtsen ship company, their confirm or deny the report, since they have not received any message from the ship for more than a week.

The ship, which discharged a small amount of its US\$4,000,000 cargo at Taku Bar last week, is the ss Flying Arrow—whom unsuccessfully attempted to break the Shanghai blockade on January 9.

Freight charges

Freight charges on cargo destined for Chinese ports are to be increased sharply, according to Associated Press.

Boosts in rates will result from the cancellation by London co-operative insurance firms of war risk insurance on shipping in China waters. Shippers will have to buy war risk insurance now on the open market at a high cost.

Mutual insurance co-operatives, like the Steamship Owners Mutual War Risks Association, have notified shipping firms here of their intention to withdraw their coverage of vessels in China trade. This includes ships going to Taiwan as well as those running the Nationalist blockade into Communist ports.

Shipping circles believe the suspension results from pressure of members of mutual insurance associations whose vessels are not in China trade. These members have been forced to pay premiums covering vessels risking the Nationalist blockade operated by a small minority of the associations' total membership.

Hong Kong shippers expressed belief that increased freight charges will cause no large drop-off in China trade.

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Russians plan military aid to Peking, Taipeh learns

Taipeh, January 25. The military intelligence section of the Nationalist Defence Ministry has before it reports which say that the Chinese Reds and Russians are about to conclude negotiations which, if carried out, would throw Soviet Russian planes and naval units into the China war, it was learned today.

The source, who asked not to be identified, said that Foreign Minister Chou En-lai's sudden trip to Moscow was at the call of his leader, Mao Tse-tung, who wanted the advice of his brain trust chief.

This source said the chief features of the "secret clauses" of the Russian-Chinese Communist negotiations were—

1. Russia is to supply air and naval units to the Communists in the Hainan and Taiwan invasions;
2. The Russians are to provide technical staff to the Chinese Communists when the time comes for military action in Indo-China and Siam;
3. All air and naval bases in China will be made available to the Soviets;
4. Employment of top level Soviet advisers in the Chinese Red government administration;
5. Soviet directed training of 5,000,000 Chinese in Manchuria.

The source indicated the Nationalist government was placing considerable reliance on the veracity of the intelligence reports.

Another source, not official, said there were additional reports that the Chinese Reds had purchased 200 bombers from Czechoslovakia, and that also there were

Nationalist warplanes and ships attacked Communist military installations and concentrations in the Hangchow Bay area south of Shanghai. Nationalist military communications claimed today.

More than 80 fixed craft were reported sunk or captured and shore installations and artillery emplacements heavily pounded in the co-ordinated attacks by the Nationalist air and naval arms.

Air Force field headquarters at Tainghai, in the Chusan Islands, said more than 50 boats and junks were sunk by low-flying 1-25 bombers in a raid on Chapiu, on the North shore of the bay.

A navy communiqué from Kiohsing said warships raided Chapiu, bombarding shore installations at close range.

Nationalist ships also shelled Kingshan, just North of Chapiu, "completely" destroying artillery emplacements and sinking 23 Red ships off shore, the navy said.

In a raid on the Chinghai area, up the North shore, the Nationalists claimed to have captured seven large Red craft.

The navy also asserted, however, that the Reds were effectively cutting off the Red supply lines to the Communist occupied islands in Hangchow Bay—United Press.

Ho Chi Minh's men blow up Hanoi transformers

Hanoi, January 25. Rebel forces of Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh blew up main power transformers in this city, which lies only 90 miles from the frontier of Communist China.

Nationalist forces fighting French control are intensifying their campaign amid reports that heavy Communist Chinese forces are manning the frontier.

The sabotage of the power plant followed last week's bold attack on Ho Chi Minh's forces on the military airport in Hanoi's outskirts. The attack damaged a number of planes, a hangar and equipment.

French officials said explosives were placed at the power plant with the complicity of workers.

Meanwhile, another 2,000 Chinese Nationalist soldiers were reported to have crossed into Indo-China including an unnamed General of the 26th Nationalist Army. This brought to about 32,000 the number of Nationalist troops interned in Indo-China—Associated Press.

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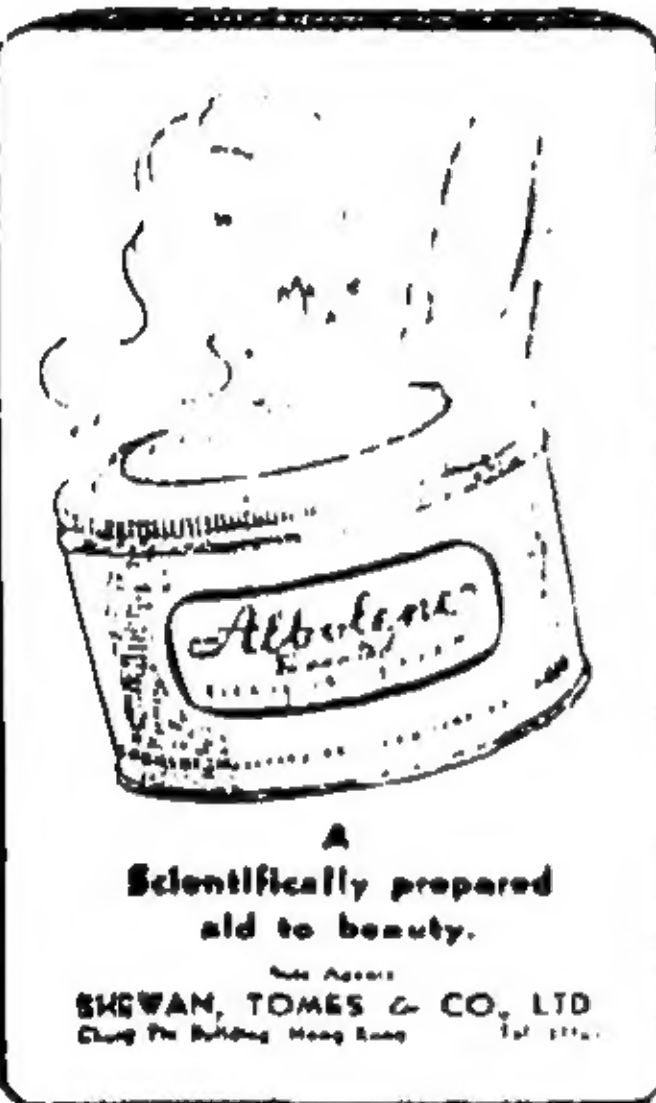
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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 23rd of February to Friday, the 10th of March, 1950 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board.

A. MORSE, Chief Manager

January 24, 1950

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ACHESON APPROVES ECONOMIC AID FOR THE NATIONALISTS

Washington, January 24.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, is reported to have approved today a Congressional move to send about \$28,000,000 in economic aid to the Chinese Nationalists in Taiwan. Mr. Acheson's stand was disclosed by Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee after the Secretary spent two hours with the lawmakers reviewing developments in the Orient.

ANOTHER BOSTON HOLD-UP

Boston, January 24.
Two bandits seized a US\$1,910 payroll in the ultra-exclusive Union Club 20 minutes after it was delivered by an armoured truck of Brinks Incorporated, whose offices were held up last week by bandits who escaped with US\$1,500,000.

With the Boston police still working around the clock to solve the robbery at Brinks' own headquarters, a bandit payroll, staged the latest stick-up in day light. They overlooked \$90.

The bandits, one masked with a handkerchief and armed, held up two women employees in the office of the Club on the fourth floor of a building on busy Park Street.

"This is a hold-up, no holler-ing," one of the bandits told Mr. Elta Stevenson, aged 50, bookkeeper, who was counting the payroll.

Also in the room at the time was a woman secretary, while in an adjoining room were seven other women employees who were not immediately aware of the robbery. United Press.

Isbrandtsen accuses Government

New York, January 24.
Shipowner Hans J. Isbrandtsen, who is living in Shanghai, accused the U.S. Government today of operating a steamship line to Tsingtao and Tientsin (Taku, Hu).

In an advertisement in the "New York Times", Mr. Isbrandtsen said:

"The United States Government runs a steamship line to the American President Lines—to Communist-held ports in Northern China in competition with our line, which regularly goes to Southern Chinese ports."

"The State Department is careful not to tell the public that."

"The State Department misleads the public in giving out to the Press only half-truths, to cover up its shortcomings in handling the situation."

"The State Department apparently thinks that all it has to do to pass its duties is to issue warnings."

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Korea called a modern Thermopylae

Manila, January 25.
The Korean Ambassador, Pyun Yung Tai, in a speech at a local men's club, said his country is a modern Thermopylae, where the fate of Asia in face of the Communist advance hangs in the balance.
Mr. Pyun said that Korea, with sufficient aid, would be able to win the battle for democracy, but he stressed: "The Koreans will fight to the bitter end, aid or no aid, preferring man-like death to a life of slavery."
He said that China seems to have been let down, but it is not yet too late to do something for her defence.—United Press.

MOIRA SHEARER TO WED

London, January 24.
The ballet dancer, Moira Shearer, and the writer Ludov. H. C. Kennedy are to be married on February 9 at the Chapel of Hampton Court Palace, King Henry VIII's favourite residence.

This announcement, published today, gave no further details but members of their families said they would honeymoon abroad and then take over a house in Chelsea.

Their engagement was disclosed last June 20.

Miss Shearer, 23 years old, Scottish-born redhead, starred in the Academy Award picture "The Red Shoes" and visited the United States late in 1949 with the Sadler's Wells Ballet Company.
Mr. Kennedy, aged 30, is the son of Captain E. C. Kennedy R.N., killed in the war. He and his mother live in an apartment in the Palace 18 miles West of London, where the King awarded them the Order of the British Empire.

Of his bride's wedding garb, Mr. Kennedy would say only, "She will not wear red shoes."—Associated Press.

CHINESE FILM INDUSTRY PLAN

San Francisco, January 24.
A 1950 plan for China's State-owned film industry was worked out recently by the Cinema Department of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs of the Peking Government, according to the Chinese Communist radio.

The radio said that the three State-owned studios in Manchuria, Peking and Shanghai will produce 26 feature films and 66 newsreels, documentaries and cartoons this year, and that Chinese dialogue will also be synchronized for 16 Soviet films. The broadcast said that in view of the small current output, the co-operation of private film companies will be invited, and that "progressive films from abroad" will be screened. It said that 700 mobile cinema teams will be formed this year to bring the cinema to the factories, the villages and the troops.—United Press.

SMUTS' MOTION

Capetown, January 24.
Field-Marshal Jan Smuts, leader of the Parliamentary opposition in South Africa, today moved a vote of no confidence against the Prime Minister's National Party Government.

Mr. Smuts charged Dr. Daniel Malan's Government with failing to carry out its promise and said its whole programme of electing the country on the rocks.—United Press.

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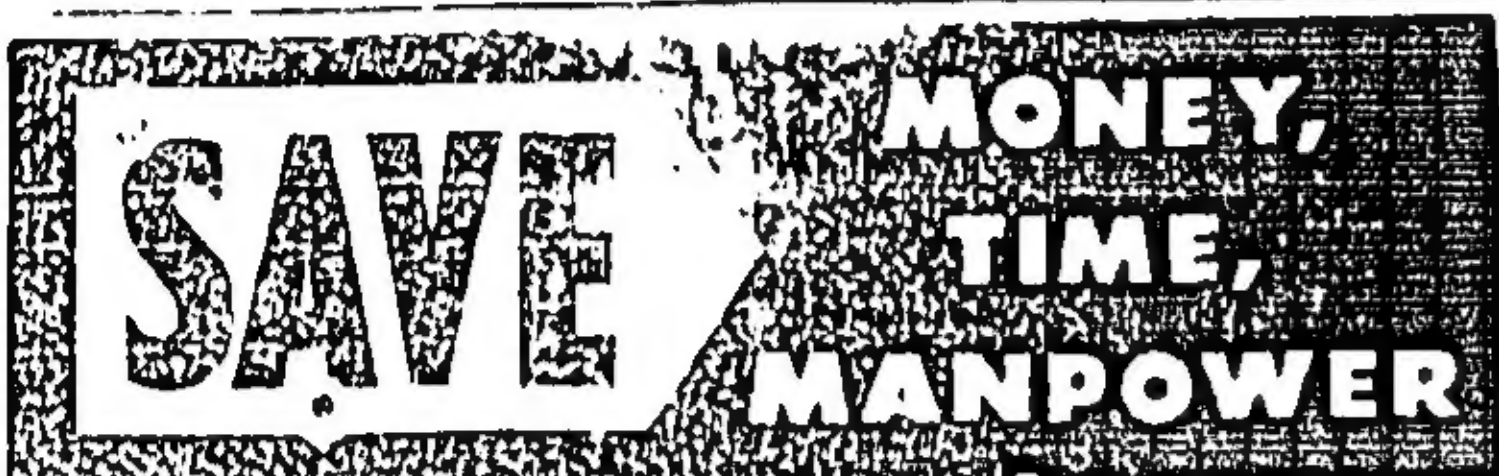
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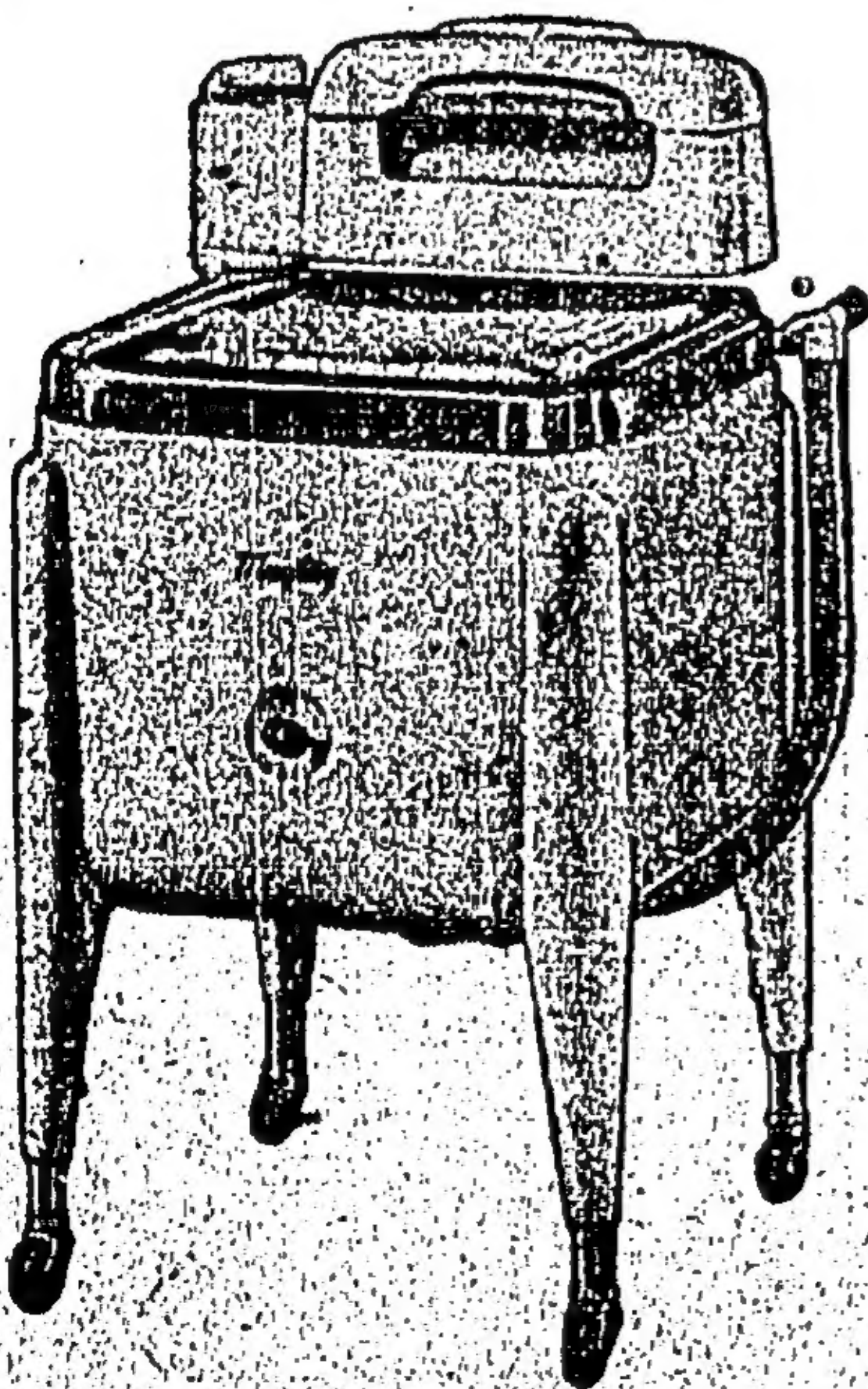
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British steel's record production



The British steel industry continues to break all production records. Annual rate in October 1949 was more than half a million tons better than in October 1948. Weekly average output from October 1949 100,000 tons, was the best of the year. In spite of economic difficulties the British steel industry is bringing its equipment up to date. Shown being tapped is an electric furnace of the Richard Thomas and Baldwins Co., of Panteg, South Wales. Cold scrap is charged into the furnace and melted by the heat of a current passed through it by three giant electrodes in the top of the furnace. Control is extremely flexible. Electric furnace capacity of South Wales is about 35,000 tons a year. No additions are planned, only the very highest qualities of special steel being made in this way.

Improvement of colour photography

The field of colour photography is undergoing an electronic revolution.

It is similar to that which brought great advances in sound reproduction two decades ago, according to M. E. Parobek.

Parobek is head of a \$100,000 dye-transfer colour photo print laboratory in Oceanside, California.

Electronic controls have replaced manual and visual judgment in production of colour photo prints made by the dye-transfer process. The latter is considered by photographic experts to be one of the two best methods of obtaining high fidelity in reproduction of transparencies, Parobek said.

Parobek directed the development and design of many of the mechanical and electronic devices used in the laboratories of Dye-Trans-Color Photos, Inc. In the plant, banks of custom-built printing machines flank tanks of the high-saturation fast dyes used in the process.

The dye-transfer method of making colour prints involves

production of colour separation negatives from which dye-absorbent matrices are made.

The matrices, one for magenta, one for cyan and one for yellow, absorb and then transfer the dyes in correct proportion to previously mordanted, or prepared, photo paper or clear acetate base. Until now, most of the work has been done manually with a high element of human error.

Methods developed

Under Parobek's direction, chemical, electronic and production engineers developed extremely accurate methods of selecting colour filters for the colour separation negatives. They devised second-spitting timing devices to assure high fidelity registration and printing and control drying.

"The colour print field," Parobek said, "is undergoing about the same kind of a revolution that the photographic industry went through when it changed from mechanical to electronic method of reproducing sound."

"We are training an entirely new type of photographic expert. He depends on electronic gauges and controls instead of his own eyes, which tire easily, with a resultant high margin of error."

The electronically-controlled system, he said, has slashed prices of dye transfer photo prints so that, for example, an 8x10 colour print costs about the same as a top-quality black and white.

Parobek predicted a wide field for the product in sales programmes, particularly among firms which have avoided use of colour in merchandising because of high cost of printing plates.

He also foresaw, as a side development, establishment of studios in larger cities to provide a studio service for photographers. The photographers, he said, would use the studios as a place to shoot colour transparencies, under closely controlled temperature, humidity and lighting conditions.

Individually a photographer could not afford all the equipment necessary for such a studio, but the cost per photo would be nominal if such facilities were available on a rental or fee basis, he said. —United Press.

BRITISH JET AIRLINER PLANNED FOR FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA

Great Britain's new fleet of civil airliners is now going through the last phases of testing before setting out on demonstrations and proving flights overseas.

Preparations for putting the new aeroplanes into production and service on the international air routes have made rapid strides since last September, when the air show at Farnborough, organised by the Society of British Aircraft Constructors, proved to the world that Great Britain had taken the lead in jet and turbo-prop civil aircraft.

Among the types which the public saw for the first time at Farnborough were a number which will soon be making flights abroad. The Armstrong Whitworth Apollo, for example, is to visit Europe before the summer. The de Havilland Comet, having already flown to North Africa and back in 6½ hours flying time—less than half the time taken by present day aircraft on the same route—will continue its flight testing this year. BOAC will have 14 Comets on order, will undertake proving flights on Empire routes perhaps as far as Australia. In addition, this jet airliner may visit Europe, and also fly to East Africa for hot-weather trials.

The Bristol Brabazon, the world's largest civil land-plane, (which flew for the first time last September) may possibly carry out test trial flights over the route for which the aeroplane was designed—the Atlantic—later this year. Meanwhile work goes ahead on the turbo-prop production version of this trans-Atlantic airliner.

Canada's contribution

Canada, too, has contributed to the British lead in gas-turbine-engined airliners. The Jetliner, built by A. V. Roe Canada, first took to the air in 1949, and is at present completing pressurisation tests. Its makers hope to be test-flying it soon on the air routes of Canada and the U.S. They are also making plans to bring the Jetliner over to Britain in time for this year's SBAC show. After Farnborough, it may fly on to Australia, where considerable interest has already been shown in its performance.

In fact, the airline companies of the world are showing keen interest in the performance of all these new British aeroplanes. Canadian Pacific Airlines have already ordered two 48-seater Comets for use on their Vancouver-Hong Kong service and may place further orders for the same airliner.

The Viscount, a type intended for the use by both British air-

ways corporations, has already flown abroad on trips to Paris and Dublin and the first Viscount 700—the version which will go into airline service—should be flying in the summer and off on a European tour soon afterwards.

Piston-engined airliners

While plans centred upon the jet and turbo-prop airliners are being made and put into effect, the factories are busy with orders placed earlier for British piston-engined airliners. Handley Page (Reading) Limited, with an order for 40 on their books, will shortly fly a production 22-seater Marathons to New Zealand for demonstration and trial, with calls at certain Australian towns and Middle East countries on the way home. Seven of the 40 Marathons on order are for British European Airways.

BEA have also ordered 20 Airspeed Ambassadors. The third prototype, which is a production version, is due to fly in April. This Ambassador, with its BEA markings, may well be flying on its European trial later in the summer.

The four-engined 40-seater Hermes 4, a post-war civil design, is on the point of delivery to BOAC and will be put into service on the Corporations' African routes.

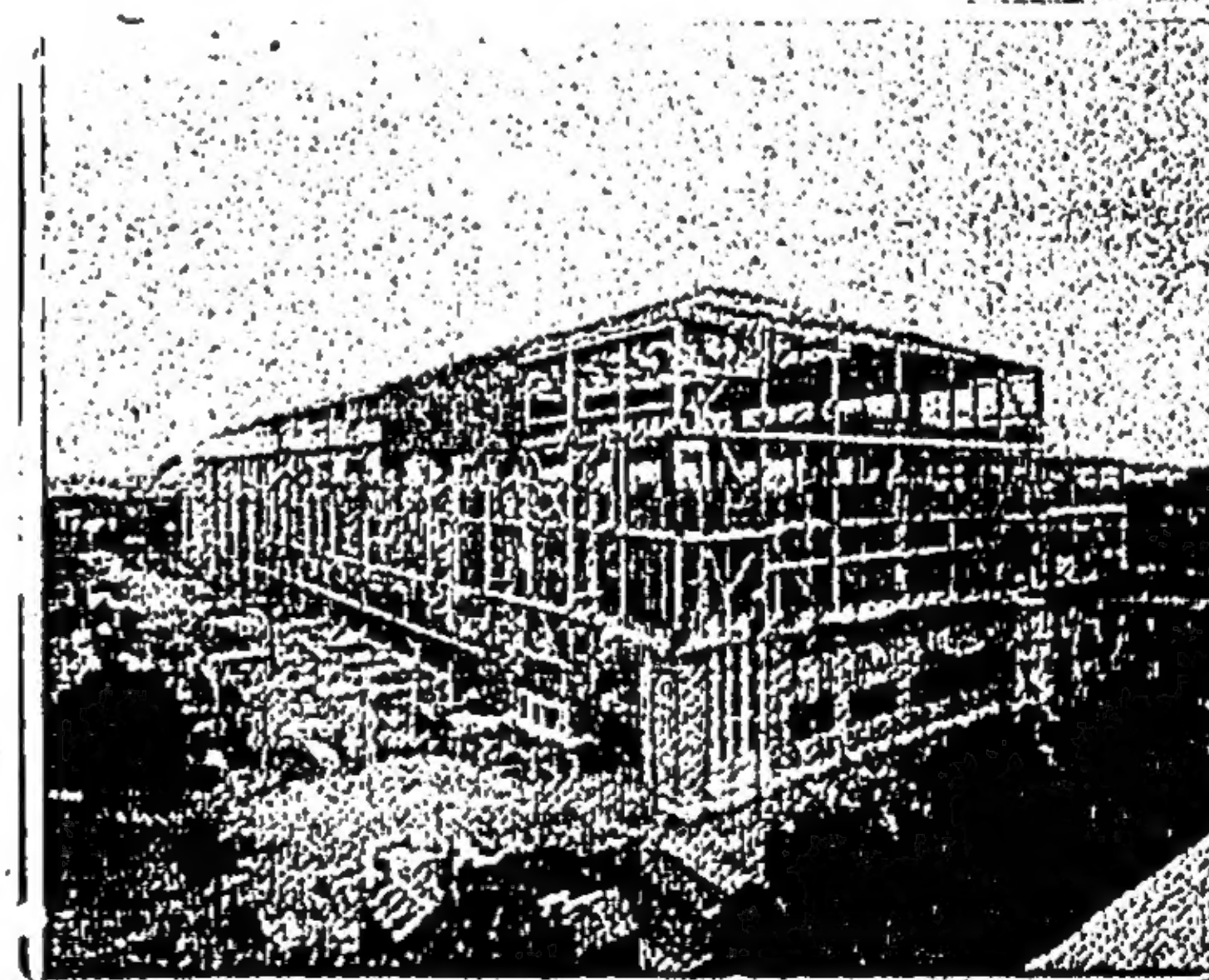
Flight tested

All these aeroplanes will be flight tested under route conditions, often in widely varying temperatures and types of climate. By the time the next SBAC air display comes round many of last year's "debutantes" will have been well and truly tested. Their makers will be able to present prospective buyers with facts and figures which last year had not become available. The figures will in almost all cases surpass those put forward as the "estimated" performance.

The SBAC show, will not be a scene of things to come—it will be a display of tried and tested aeroplanes.

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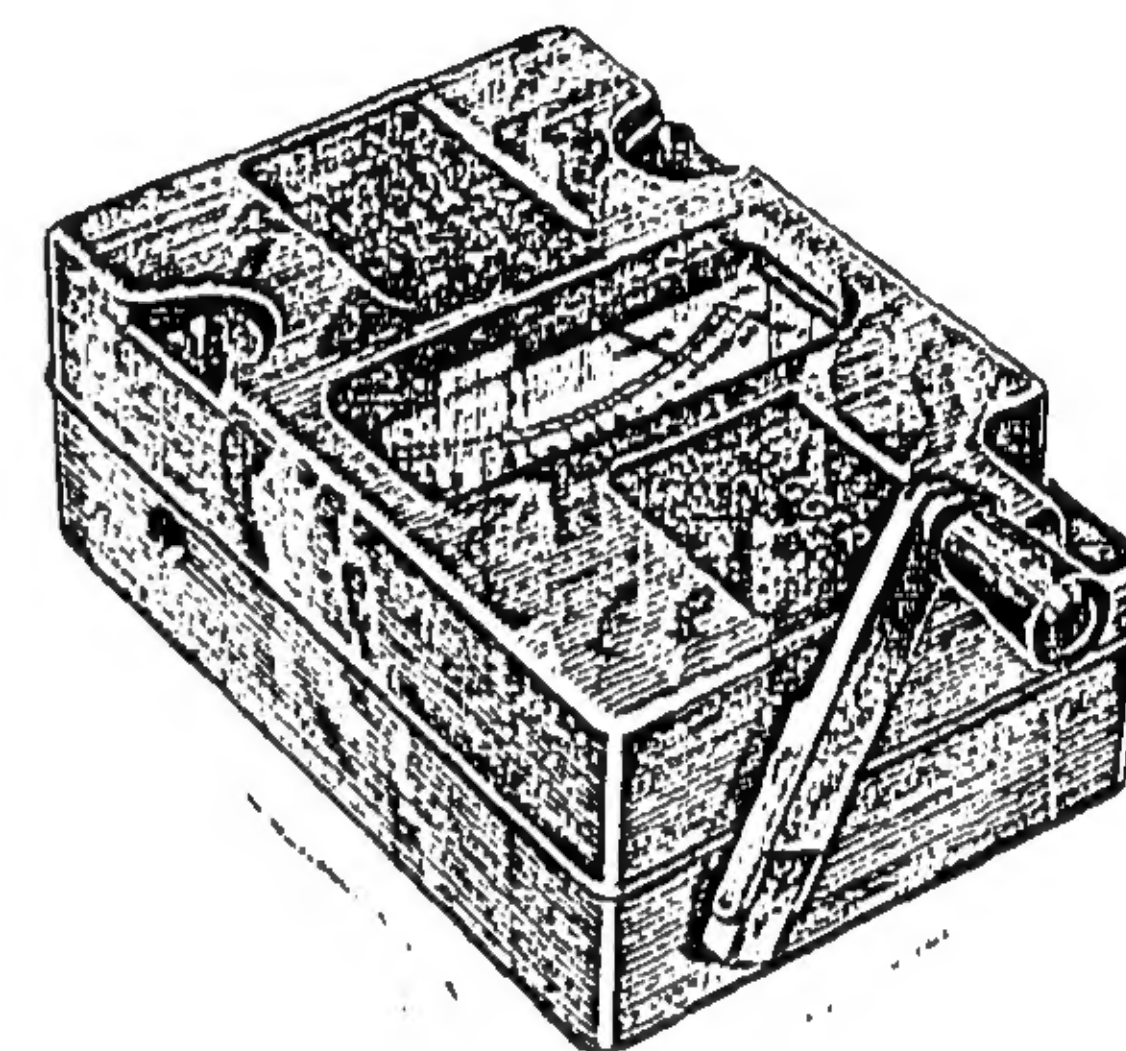
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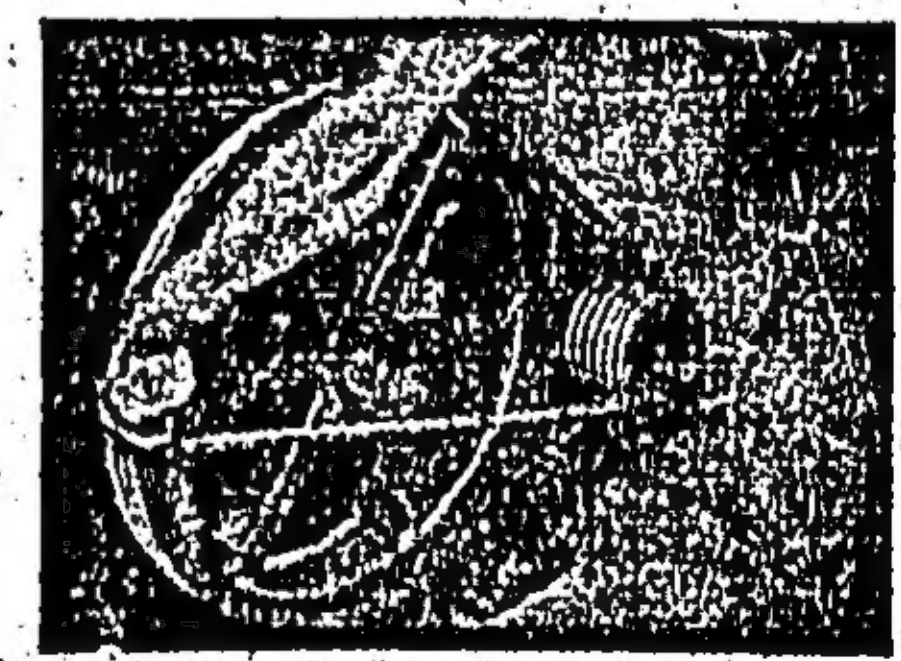
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HATTA ORDERS ARREST OF "TURK" WESTERLING

Manhunt on for leader of the 'Heavenly Host'

Jakarta, January 24.

Indonesian police were enlisted under the new Federal Army today in a great manhunt for the outlawed Dutch captain whose forces made a hit and run raid on the big West Java city of Bandoeng on Monday. The Premier, Dr. Mohamed Hatta, told reporters that orders have gone out to arrest the Dutch rebel leader, R. P. P. ("Turk") Westerling, aged 30, whose raiders seized key points in Bandoeng early on Monday, but later withdrew after bloody fighting. About 600 men are said to have taken part in the raid.

Neutral military sources in Bandoeng estimate that the outlaws killed 360 Indonesian soldiers and civilians before they vanished into the hills.

Dr. Hatta said, "We do not know where Westerling is, but we certainly will try to arrest him. He is more than a rebel. He is an enemy."

Less than two weeks ago, Westerling was reported to have visited Jakarta, but at the time the United States of Indonesia hesitated to arrest him. Dr. Hatta then said that if Westerling followed out his promise to start trouble, he would be nabbed.

A senior Indonesian military officer blamed the Bandoeng raid on a "mutiny" of native soldiers in the Dutch Army. Motorised infantry and airborne commandos of the Indonesian Army poured into Bandoeng today without opposition a few hours after Westerling's "Army of the Heavenly Host" had withdrawn.

The city held within 24 hours by Indonesians, "Heavenly Hosts," Dutch, and Indonesian troops, carried on a search for Westerling, who was believed to be in the mountains North West of Bandoeng, would return to the attack.

Dutch troops entering the city on duty greeted the forces of Indonesian reinforcements with shouts of "Merdeka" (Liberty) as they drove by.

Charges are unfounded

The Dutch Area Commander in West Java, General Engles, said today that the Dutch in Bandoeng had taken control of the city after the rebels' withdrawal to protect themselves and the European community.

"Anything might have happened if we had not been there," he said.

General Engles said that Westerling's commander had agreed to withdraw to avoid chaos.

Referring to the Indonesian Defence Ministry's allegation, contained in a communiqué issued today, that attempts to return to normal conditions in West Java were being made difficult by the Dutch, some neutral military observers said that the allegations were unfounded.

The Indonesians were militarily defeated by Westerling who withdrew in good order at the advice of the Dutch Command mediating as requested by the Indonesian Government.

Hague denial

Official quarters at The Hague declared today that there was no question of the Dutch Army authorities being in league with Westerling or even of their having "permitted" him to take Bandoeng yesterday.

These quarters would make no definite statement, claiming that they had as yet no detailed information.

They suggested that the local Indonesian authorities had asked the Dutch forces to prevent looting and protect lives and property in Bandoeng after Westerling's attack, and this the Dutch Command had apparently agreed to do, temporarily.

The withdrawal of the rebel forces was due entirely to the personal intervention of the Dutch Commandant, a communiqué issued tonight by the Netherlands Ministry of Union and Realm Affairs at The Hague stated.

The communiqué added that troops of the APR (Westerling's forces) entered the outskirts of Bandoeng early yesterday. No fighting of any significance occurred but the forces continued their advance towards Bandoeng. News was later received, continued the communiqué, that these forces had occupied the Southern part of Bandoeng, the headquarters of the Indonesian division, there, and the Telephone Exchange.

Deserters return

The APR's action was directed exclusively against the Indonesian troops, whereby they suffered an estimated loss of 30 killed. Troops under Dutch command who, in accordance with the round-table conference agreements, did not intervene, consequently suffered no losses but there were some victims among the civilian population, the communiqué said.

Meanwhile, Indonesian troops stood their ground in the part of the town lying North of the railway, which Westerling's troops did not cross. After the occupa-

Stratemeyer's visit to Australia

Sydney, January 24.

Boerew was maintained today over the six-day visit to Australia of Lieutenant-General D. E. Stratemeyer, Chief of the United States Air Force in the Far East, and several members of his staff.

General Stratemeyer is due to leave for Tokyo tomorrow night. He has refused to discuss the purpose of his visit.

According to the military correspondent of the "Sydney Morning Herald," General Stratemeyer has had several talks with Australian Service chiefs, the Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, and Federal Ministers.

The correspondent said it is understood that General Stratemeyer outlined revised United States air strategy in relation to a possible hostile Communist China.—Reuter.

ITALIAN CABINET CRISIS

Rome, January 24.

The need for speedy Parliamentary action on Italy's United Nations mandate over Somaliland today complicated the nation's Cabinet crisis.

Premier Alcide De Gasperi, striving to form his sixth Government, conferred at length this morning with Parliamentary leaders of his majority Christian Democratic Party.

After the meetings he told reporters, "The situation is extremely urgent and I am canvassing all possible solutions." Parliament must act on the despatch of Italian troops to the African colony to take over from British authorities maintaining order. The approach of monsoon weather makes it imperative that the forces be on their way immediately.

The Premier has been trying to form a new coalition including the small parties he had in his previous Government. However, he must form a new Government before Parliament can be convened to act on the colony question.

His big stumbling block-opposition to his proposed programme by two of the minor parties. He may now decide to form a one-party Government with his Christian Democrat Party.

The decision, veteran political observers say, hinges on the anti-Communist Labour Socialists (P.S.I.). The P.S.I. National Council meets in Rome today to decide whether to side with Signor de Gasperi or remain out of the Government.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said de Gasperi will probably include the Somaliland question in his new Government's programme to speed up Parliamentary action. Under Italian procedure when the new Government is formed, the Cabinet and its programme must obtain immediate approval of both Houses of Parliament.

By including Somaliland in his programme, de Gasperi would ensure immediate action on the question.—Associated Press.

TRIUMPH PILOT KILLED

Singapore, January 24. A British Naval pilot was killed when his fighter plane crashed today at Changi airfield. The plane was from the aircraft carrier Triumph, based on Singapore.—Associated Press.

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Grim conditions in North China

(By Wayne Richardson)

Aboard Flying Arrow, January 24.

Communist North China appears to be facing the blackest economic picture in the history of China.

A black picture of chaos and famine in that vast region was given to me during the four days I spent ashore on Shantung Peninsula while the Flying Arrow unloaded cargo at Tsingtao, once the base of the American Asiatic Fleet.

My informant was a well-informed source. His name cannot be used. He said:

"Poor crops in Shantung (one of China's richest agricultural areas) would make impossible any surplus for export."

"Consequently many millions of people will starve before next year's harvest, despite anything the Communist Government could do even if it was willing."

"Even now in various areas people are eating herbs and leaves."

"The administrative picture is absolutely a mess, because of lack of trained personnel and Communist reluctance to utilise available experienced professional men."

"The average Shantungese thinks even less of the Reds than he did of the Kuomintang but will remain apathetic."

"Consequently, by resorting to Gestapo methods, there appears no reason to believe that the armed Communists cannot maintain effective control."

My informant said there is no more behind the Communist Kuomintang currency.

My informant said that the Kuomintang, through sheer corruption and robbery of the people by their financial measures, lost any remaining prestige they might have had in Shantung.

"Having lost to the Reds politically, their (the Kuomintang) military defeat was a foregone conclusion. Such American military aid, which was considerable, as was rendered the Nationalist military authorities in Shantung directly or indirectly might just as well have been given the Reds directly."

Private trade on way out

He said the Communist present policy of taxation indicates they intend to drive out all private trade.

"The volume of business is not used as a basis for taxation but

rather each guild is assessed so much to be pro-rated among members," he said.

"Many firms, foreign and Chinese, have already closed or applied for permission to close."

This man said that since last year's withdrawal of U.S. Marines from Tsingtao the people would welcome back the Japanese to re-establish law and order and reasonable taxation.

"Despite the publicity given in the Communist-controlled Press concerning friendship with Russia and the formation in Tsingtao of a branch of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Society, the average Soviet citizen is accorded no better treatment than any other foreigner," he said.

All U.S. Government property in Tsingtao has been taken over by the Reds.

One old-time resident of Tsingtao, who also desires anonymity, commented: "The rich are getting poorer, and the poor still poorer."—Associated Press.

HEADMISTRESS ACCUSED

Stockholm, January 24.

A 59-year-old boarding school headmistress was accused in the Swedish Press today of having fogged crippled children until splinters of birch were embedded in their flesh.

In accounts based on interviews with former pupils, Miss Emilie Becher was alleged to have removed the braces from the legs of a child suffering from infantile paralysis, forcing him to crawl in his nightshirt into the room of an assistant mistress for a birching.

Officials of the Swedish Medical Association said that they are investigating. The school is in Helsingborg, South Sweden.—Reuter.

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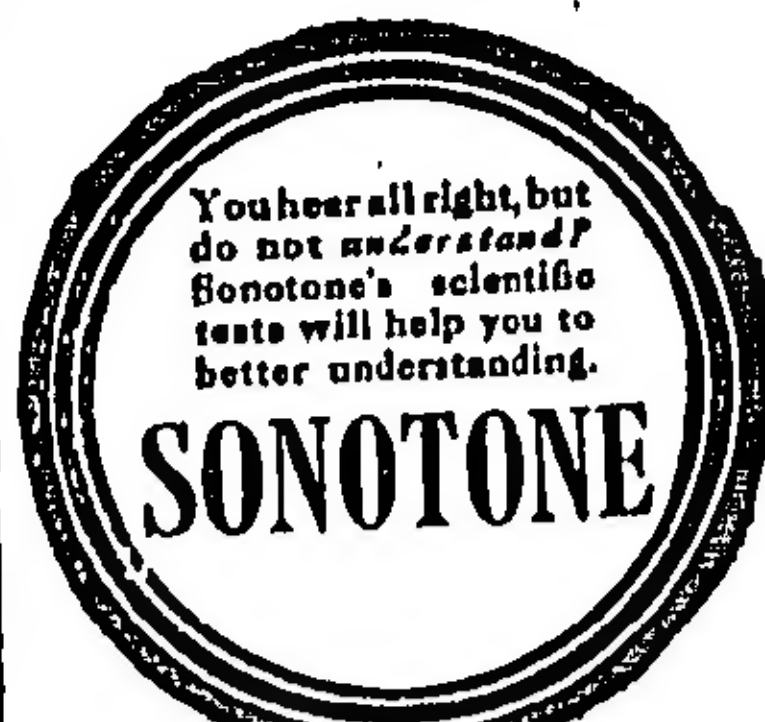
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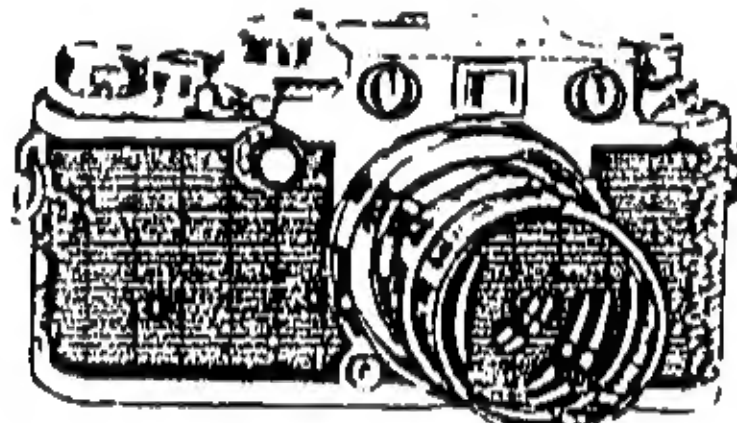
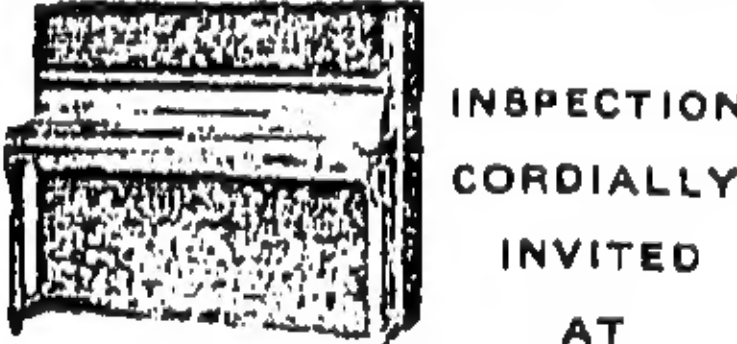
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Bangkok, January 24.

A ceremony of extraordinary pomp and colour—the
cremation of a king—will take place in the
near future in Bangkok.Plans are being formulated and scaffolding of a to-
wering funeral pyre is being erected on a vast
parade ground adjoining the royal palace for
the first cremation in Bangkok of a King of
Thailand in a generation.The date has not been set,
but with the expected return
from Switzerland in March of
the present King Phumphon
the ceremony is expected to
follow shortly. The young king
will officiate at the cremation of
his brother, the late King
Ananda.Subsequent coronation of the
present monarch is expected toEUROPEAN
MOVEMENT
PROPOSAL

London, January 24.

The European Movement,
an unofficial organisation of
which Mr. Winston Churchill,
Britain's wartime Premier
and leader of the Conserva-
tive Party, is President, to-
day urged the Council of
Europe to create immedi-
ately a European body with its
own political authority.Through this authority mem-
bers of the Council would
decide on a common policy on
the protection of human rights,
external relations and economic
affairs.The Movement's Executive
Committee held after a three-
day meeting here that the au-
thority should be vested in
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thority should be vested in
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control.It should be open to "asso-
ciated countries overseas" to
take part in the functional in-
stitutions to strengthen their
ties with Europe, it declared.The European Movement's
plan was drafted in response to
a request from the General
Affairs Committee of the Eu-
ropean Assembly, which met at
Strasbourg, for the Movement's
views as the next step towards
effective European union.The meeting was attended by
representatives from affiliated
organisations and national bodies
of the European Movement in
Belgium, Norway, Spain, Sweden
and Switzerland.—Reuter.ISRAEL MINISTER
IN LONDON

London, January 24.

Mr. David Horowitz, the Israel
Director-General of Finance,
has arrived in London at the
head of a delegation of eight
for a series of talks.The discussions cover three
subjects: the transfer of assets
and liabilities of the Palestine
Mandatory Government to the
Israel Government, Israel de-
posit amounting to about £30-
000,000 now blocked in London,
and oil questions.The first two will be discussed
at Governmental level, but the
oil talks will be with private in-
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be a private affair with the
public official cremation not
taking place until perhaps 1951
when the king will return per-
manently, and it is believed he
will go back to Switzerland to
continue his studies for another
year.King Ananda died in 1946 of a
bullet in the head. The trial of
the men charged with conspiring
in his assassination has been drag-
ging on for about two years. It
is still far from concluded.All this time, the body of the
late king has rested in a royal
tomb in a palace grounds temple.
It is regularly visited by Siam-
ese and others who kneel on a carpet
before the well-lighted altar.When the day of the crea-
tion arrives, a spectacle of un-
precedented Oriental splendour
is in store for the vast throngs
expected to attend.Under Thai Buddhist rites, the
cremation of a king or a mem-
ber of the royal family of high
rank takes place within a
specially-built pavilion called a
"Phra Meru."

Great beauty

This huge pyre is only a tem-
porary structure of wood and
cloth, but it is of great beauty.
It consists of a mountain and a palace
because "Meru" is the legend-
ary Buddhist which forms the axis
of the world.Flights of steps on each side
of the square pavilion reach to
the centre where the funeral urn
is placed. The tiered roof rises
sharply to a spire and the whole
structure glows with colour,
mostly gold. Nearby are other
pavilions for the monks, chief
mourners and high personages.The royal urn is of copper,
sheathed with a detachable
layer of gold, heavily embossed
and studded with gems. It
will be conveyed to the Phra
Meru by a palanquin, a heavy car-
riage drawn by hundreds of mourners
and attendants. The car itself
has a high terraced platform,
delicately carved and covered
with gold. Surmounted on it
will be the cataphage which
shields the urn.The ritual sometimes calls for
a noble to ride in state in front
of the procession, scattering rice
as an offering to the spirit of the
dead. Then comes a monk of
high rank reciting incantations
of the Dharma. A broad, white
ribbon connects the chair of this
monk with the urn.There may even be two men
riding elephants in the process-
ion. A band of red-clad mus-
cians playing ancient instruments
and drums accompanies the
march. The music is shrill, weird
and funeral.

Scented torches

Detachments of soldiers, com-
panies of men dressed in medi-
eval costumes with shields and
spears, and countless mourners,
both men and women, also walk
the funeral path.At the cremation grounds the
urn is borne three times around
the Phra Meru and then placed
on the raised platform within.
Relatives and close friends then
circle the urn three times in the
"uttaravatta" (left shoulder to-
wards the centre) fashion. This
circling is deemed an admonition
of the three worlds—earth, hea-
ven and hell—unless they follow
the precepts which break the
cycle of rebirth.The procession arrives in the
late afternoon at the Phra Meru
to permit the ceremonial lighting
of the pyre in which all parties
part. Each person brings with
him, or is given, a torch of
scented wood which has been
cut into long shavings or ribbons
and arranged loosely on a central
stem together with a few sticks
of incense.Now, the person of highest
rank, the young King in this
case, lights his torch at a lamp
at the foot of the stairs, and as-
cends to place it among the fog-
gots of wood neatly glided and
varnished, under the urn. Other
mourners follow his example.

Midnight ceremony

All this, however, is purely
ceremonial. The torches are
quickly extinguished.
That night, usually about mid-
night, in the presence of only the
closest of friends and of members
of the family, the actual crea-
tion takes place.At the actual cremation the
outer casing of gold and gems is
removed and the top of the cop-
per urn taken off to permit the
burning to go on through it as
through a flue.The next morning the ashes
are collected and placed in a
small decorated urn, which is
kept in the Grand Palace.
The late king will then have
been cremated and the new king
will be ready for his coronation.
—Associated Press.GERMANS STILL
WAR-MINDED

Ashford, January 24.

Brigadier Desmond Young,
author of a biography of the
late Field-Marshal Rommel,
says that the Germans are still
military-minded."I think they are much more
military-minded than they were
after the first world war," he
declared in a talk at a book show
here yesterday."You are certainly not going
to change that, certainly not
while the shadow of war hangs
over Europe. And if they are
going to admire generals and
soldiers, they should admire the
good ones rather than the bad.""Since you cannot remove this
military spirit from the German
race, you had better see if you
can build on their soldierly vir-
tue. The best Germans have it,"
he said.Brigadier Young said that some
German generals and admirals he
had met "struck me as the best
type of Germans."—Associated
Press.Yugoslavian
warning to
Rumania

Belgrade, January 24.

Yugoslavia today charged
Rumania with a hostile
policy in severing rail and
mail communications with
her, and warned that the
consequences of this act
would fall on Rumania.In a blistering note, Mar-
shal Tito's Government said
Rumania stopped all rail and
mail services for one day. It
added: "In undertaking such
enormous and anti-Yugoslav
acts, Rumania did not hesitate
to trample on her Barcelona
and Geneva convention ob-
ligations." The note was
handed to the Rumanian
Legation by the Foreign
Ministry.—United Press.BRITONS TURN
TO LEMONADE

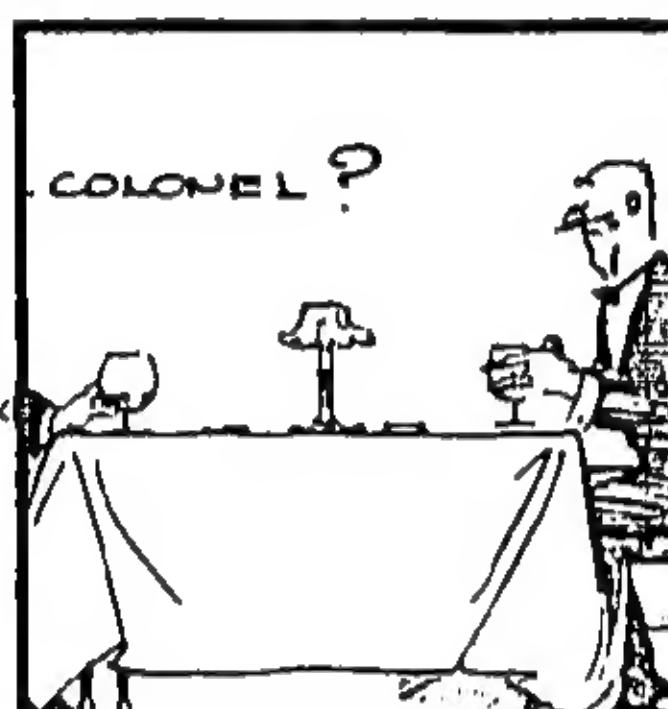
London, January 24.

The curse of strong drink—its
cost is driving the British to
soft drinks.The National Association of
Soft Drink Manufacturers report-
ed today that the nation soaked
up 225,000,000 gallons of lemon-
ade and such in 1949.This is twice the pre-war
average. So is the cost of beer
and whisky. Associated Press.ITALIAN REDS'
CAMPAIGN PLAN

Rome, January 24.

With the year of the "great peasant revolt" behind
them, Italy's Communist trade union chiefs
have entered 1950 with a certain feeling of
satisfaction at past progress.But they have a plan by which they hope to obtain
more concrete results in their "fight for the im-
provement of the condition of Italian workers"
during 1950.Burly, black-haired Signor
Giuseppe di Vittorio, one of
the leading Italian Communists
deputies and chief of the
Italian Labour Confederation,
which claims a membership of
about 5,500,000, announced an
"Economic Plan" to solve
Italy's dangerously bad em-
ployment situation.Drawing a picture of the ex-
treme poverty of workers in Italy,
whose level of life can be describ-
ed as the "lowest in Europe,"
Signor di Vittorio stated that
there seemed to be no solution
to the country's unemployment
problem.Unemployed in Italy today total
some 2,000,000, "without count-
ing the thousands who work only
part of the year and the old and
invalids mangled pensioned or
completely without means."Two solutions, he said, had
been suggested:
1. Mass emigration.
2. The "fake solution" of re-
armament.He brushed aside both as use-
less. Mass emigration had been
and was still being tried, he said.
But what country, he asked, "is
willing to take millions of
workers?""New countries" like Aus-
tralia, Canada, New Zealand
had taken thousands of immi-
grants, but they could not be
expected to open their doors
to the many other thousands
of unemployed and others un-
able to get work in Italy.Rearmament, he declared, might
mean maximum employment—
and also a return to the "bitter-
ness of Fascism."In these circumstances, Signor
di Vittorio declared, the "Econ-
omic Plan" drawn up by the
CGIL (the Labour Confederation)
and based on expanding existing
industries, opening new ones, re-
claiming land at present unus-
able and providing modern farm
machinery for the peasants, is
the only "lasting solution."—
Reuter.

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SOVIET ATTACK ON U.S. CHINA POLICY

Moscow, January 24.

"Pravda," commenting on Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky's rebuttal of Mr. Dean Acheson's National Press Club speech, stated today: "It is not difficult to guess the reason of Mr. Acheson's hatred of the USSR."

"He understands perfectly that he is impotent to destroy the national independence of the Chinese people have acquired precisely because the Soviet Union exists."

Burns' night celebration

(Continued from Page 2)

Religion and Burns

"Religion for Burns, was, as indeed it largely should be, an affair of the heart. The poetry of the real thing, as he so often saw it, roused him to some of his finest verses, and he ruled at the carter which in many places passed for true religion. Still, Burns, whatever he had to say about the Kirk, knew that it mattered in wider fields than the parochial. For the Kirk was the only organization which Scotland had left to her, and into its controversies and schemes went much of the feeling that had no political outlet."

"And although there were those blatant and shameless perversions of the real thing, simple, homely piety still abounded in many places and in the 'Cottar's Saturday Night' we see this side of the picture. Here we have Burns in reminiscent mood, painting for us a typical scene from his childhood."

"And although he may have travelled a long road from those early days, he never really became completely divorced from these influences. In the 'Cottar's Saturday Night' he describes what was in these days part of the regular routine of family life, the grouping of the family for a short religious service on the Saturday in preparation for the worship of the Sunday. This simple, homely act, now alas, almost a part of history, probably meant more to Burns than we might be inclined to think."

"Burns never quite grew away from the influences of his early upbringing. Although he had more than his fair share of the social graces and although he had an eye for some of the best humor and wit in the land, Burns had no pretensions to ape the follies and manners of the upper classes who entertained him. His early training provided for him by a father who was true to the traditions of his age and country, and who had procured for him the best possible tuition, well-fitted him to take his place in any society, as indeed he did."

"Most of the Lairds sons went to the village school paying their fees in peats, meal and butter like the other boys, and though their ways would diverge later, they would still meet on an easy footing, with dignity and independence respected on either side. But even so, not every ploughman would hobnob as did Burns, with Lords, professors and county lairds."

National feelings

"Still, in spite of all that he saw, he remained singularly unimpressed, realising that true greatness and happiness consisted not in the abundance of the things which a man possessed. 'There is no doubt but that before Burns' time, the national feelings of his countrymen were on the decline. The political circumstances of Scotland were, and had been, such as to stifle the flame of patriotism the popular literature had striven, and that not in vain, to make itself English: complete indifference to things Scottish was everywhere manifest."

"And then there appears this star on the horizon, this peasant poet, who sets himself to check this creeping pestilence, and that with singular success. 'Whatever genius has since then been devoted to the uplifting of the national manners and customs, and sustaining thereby the national feeling of the people, there can be no doubt that Burns will ever be remembered as the founder of this reformation.'"

"The haggle was borne in by Mr. T. T. Harley, and paid in by Mr. H. C. Watson, while the barley breeze was borne in by Mr. R. W. A. Mackinnon. The Chieftain proposed the loyal toast and the toast to the guests."

"A Chinese man, with three previous convictions for larceny, was sentenced to a year's hard labour by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central when he pleaded guilty to stealing \$16. Defendant also faced a charge of breach of a deportation order for which he was sentenced to a year's imprisonment, the sentences to be consecutive."

"And precisely because the Soviet Union exists with the camp of peace and democracy which it heads, it is impossible to dispose of the Chinese people as the imperialists did formerly."

In the first Press comment on Mr. Acheson's speech, writer V. Mayevsky ridiculed and branded as "hypocritical" Mr. Acheson's affirmations of American-Chinese friendship as expressed in a policy of open door and equal opportunities."

Mayevsky said the Chinese people remember the Americans demanded the open door "not in order to help oppressed and enslaved China but for joint oppression and exploitation with other imperialist powers."

"It is not a fact that even now the United States demands preservation and application of the unequal treaties concluded in 1901 and confirmed by Chiang Kai-shek in 1943?"

"One can only wonder at Mr. Acheson's cynicism when he unexpectedly appears in the role of defender of China's territorial integrity while meantime there is an uninterrupted system of American arms flowing to Taiwan and the American set-up in Japan of General Douglas MacArthur openly demands the seizure of this Chinese area."

Japan defence

Referring to Mr. Acheson's statement on the Japanese defence line, "Pravda" said: "In plain concrete language this means the American imperialists will settle down in Japan and do not wish to get out."

"Mr. Acheson's reference to the so-called defence line will not deceive anybody. Everybody knows that by defence, American imperialism understands reaching aggressive objectives. It was not in vain that Mr. Truman's draft budget called 70 per cent of all expenses for so-called defence."

"Pravda" concluded: "Mr. Acheson's unsuccessful effort to cover the flanco American policy on China with a smoke-screen of slander testified that"

the ruling circles in the United States have obviously been unable to learn proper lessons from their own sad experience in the past years. One must suppose that life which marches forward unabatingly will bring new and more convincing lessons."—United Press.

No fortunes but chances of success

Chicago, January 24.

The American Secretary of Commerce, Charles Sawyer, said today that few men will make huge fortunes in this generation, but that marked success in business is open to any man.

He told a bankers meeting that such an outlook is not disastrous. Mr. Sawyer said: "The Government is prepared to do its part to help strengthen and build small businesses throughout the country. We believe that businessmen should be allowed to make profit, but we cannot guarantee that profit. I think that opportunities for great business successes in America are still here, but I do not think it all honesty that the accumulation of great wealth is likely to come to many men of this generation."—United Press.

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DEADLOCK ON ARMS BROKEN

Washington, January 23.

The United States and Britain have agreed on arrangements for the transfer of American arms to Britain under the military assistance programme. The accord broke a two-month deadlock.

A British Embassy spokesman said tonight that all basic differences have been settled and the last few, drafting changes will probably be made tomorrow. Britain is expected to sign on Friday and other nations at about the same time.

British sources said the arrangement finally accepted will allow Britain to send some weapons to Hong Kong, for example, with the provision that Britain would try to replace in the West European defence stockpile any such arms shipped.

Britain also received assurances that she will not be expected to spend dollars for her own weapons or manufacture so many that her domestic economy would be upset.

The United States and Britain originally agreed tentatively for the transfer of a large number of planes, but Britain lost her enthusiasm for them when she found replacements were scarce and some planes from the mothball fleet had deteriorated.

Informed quarters predict, however, that Britain will get about 40 B-29s and use them for national training.—United Press.

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(HICTH—Radio News Reel (London Relay)

3.20—Weather Report

3.25—Book Talk by Allen Bell

(Studio)

3.30—"Sunday Serenade" A Programme

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"TIJAMPEK" 20th Jan.	
"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	
"STRAAT MALAKKA" 21st Feb.	

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TITJALENGKA" 7th Feb.	
"VAN HEUTSZ" 3rd Feb.	1st Feb.

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EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TIJAMPEK" 26th Jan.	
"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	
"STRAAT MALAKKA" 21st Feb.	

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Transhipment cargo accepted on through B's/L to
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JAPAN

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TIJAMPEK" 26th Jan.	2nd Feb.
"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	23rd Feb.
"STRAAT MALAKKA" 21st Feb.	

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"LANGLESCOT" 11th Feb.	In Port
"HEEMSKERK" Late Feb.	1st Feb.

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Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

JAPAN

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"LANGLESCOT" 28th Jan.	10th Feb.
"HEEMSKERK" 11th Feb.	21st Feb.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

AMERICAN EXPORTERS FACE FURTHER LOSS

New York, January 24.

American businessmen face further loss of overseas trade in the coming year.

The hammer and sickle cuts off more and more of the commerce with Asia, while, political turmoil in Indonesia and financial troubles in India hamstring trade there.

American taxpayers will still be shouldering a costly prop under American trade with Europe. Another \$3.1 billion will be asked in 1950 to continue the Marshall Plan. Effects of recent currency revaluations, nebulous so far, may become apparent in 1950. But most expect this to have less effect on world trade totals than will the degree of prosperity within the United States itself.

Still, it will be harder to sell American goods abroad, while more foreign-made goods will be offered in the home market.

This is what foreign traders see ahead at the year-end—

Washington wants Americans, who bought an estimated \$6,000,000,000 of goods of foreign goods in 1948, to raise the total to at least \$8,000,000,000 in 1950. Few think they will. But this increase, together with an expected drop in American exports of goods from this year's estimated \$12,000,000,000, would narrow the trade gap which has yawned since the war between what Americans sell abroad and what they buy from abroad.

Official figures on 1949's exports and imports will be forthcoming in February.

Trade gap

There is an indicated trade gap between exports and imports of goods of about \$3.5 billion, an increase of \$500,000,000 over 1948. The gap in services is estimated at \$691,000,000, compared with \$792,000,000 in 1948. The total trade gap, therefore, becomes an estimated \$6,097,000,000 in 1949, against \$6,385,000,000 in 1948.

Foreign traders estimate that at least \$4,000,000,000 of our export total is represented in one form or another by American goods.

What is coming up in 1950 to affect, perhaps determine, foreign trade?

ECA—Economy minded Congressmen will fight to whittle down funds for the continuation of the European Co-operation Administration (the Marshall Plan). Others will urge that Western Europeans use more elbow grease.

Integration—The United States will put pressure on Western European nations to unite economically, to move goods across their boundaries as freely as they move across State lines here, and to cut out the double price whereby export goods are priced higher than the same items sold at home.

Point Four—President Truman is likely to push his plan to help backward nations with American technical skill and American private investments. Issues in dispute—Whether the U.S. Treasury should guarantee these investments; the cost to the Treasury; and whether the U.S. will demand that Americans be protected against discrimination.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Having arrived Hong Kong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godown or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on January 27, 1950, at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected.

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January 22, 1950.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, January 24.

A slow rally, reduced early losses in the stock market today. Losses, mostly fractional, were in the majority at the close with Americans "Wholly" and Mag-nay were among the firm spots. Lower were U.S. Steel, General Motors, Goodyear, International Harvester, Alcoa Chemical, Santa Fe and Gulf Oil.

Traders evidently dis-regarded as a market factor President Harry Truman's last message to Congress, preferring to wait and see what Congress does about the proposals.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 72.33; 20 Industrials 199.02; 15 Rals 55.15; 10 Utilities 41.05.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 21 1/2
Alcoa June 3
American Can 11 1/4
Smoking 55 1/2
Telephone 148 1/2
Tobacco 74 1/2
Waterworks 8

Anaconda Copper 20 1/2

Aviation Corp. 5 1/2

Baldwin Locomotives 12 1/2

Bernadell 50

Bondix Aviation 30 1/2

Batholomew Steel 22 1/2

Boeing Aircraft 25 1/2

Borden Co. 49 1/2

Canadian Pacific 15 1/2

J. I. Case 47 1/2

Chrysler 69 1/2

Colgate 48 1/2

Commerical Solvents 19 1/2

Corn Products 69 1/2

Du Pont 62 1/2

Eastman Kodak 40 1/2

General Electric 43 1/2

Motors 72 1/2

Goodrich 76 1/2

Goodyear 40 1/2

Homestead Mining 45 1/2

International Harvester 27 1/2

Paper 35

Tel. & Tel. 12 1/2

Johns Manville 47 1/2

Kennecott Copper 54 1/2

Montgomery Ward 50 1/2

National Distillers 23

Lead 37 1/2

New York Central 12 1/2

Packard Motors 4 1/2

Pan American Airways 9 1/2

Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2

Radio Corp. 13 1/2

Rea Silk 32

Remington Rand 12 1/2

Republic Steel 24 1/2

Reynolds Tobacco 38 1/2

Schenley 32 1/2

Sears Roebuck 42 1/2

Shell Oil 35 1/2

Society Vacuum 16 1/2

Southern Pacific 52 1/2

Standard Brands 22 1/2

Oil of Calif. 61 1/2

Oil of N. J. 69 1/2

Studebaker 26 1/2

Union Bag 27 1/2

Carbide 44 1/2

US Rubber 41

Steel 28

Litho 19 1/2

Westinghouse 31

Youngs Sheet & Tube 75 1/2

Gen. Pub. Utilities 17

Corporate bonds were narrow.

Down in the curb were Raytheon Manufacturing, Humble Oil, Cities Service, Standard Power and Light, United Light and Bure-Biscuit gained—Associated Press.

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Hong Kong, January 21, 1950.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The market was quiet.

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ARRIVALS FROM

"EPINAL" Europe 30th Jan.
"YANG TSE" Europe 10th Feb.

SAILINGS TO

PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

"CHAMPOLLION" Marseilles via Manila 18th Feb.
"LA MARSEILLAISE" 25th Feb.

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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

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Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Atsuna (B & S) for Singapore
Axel Rasmussen (Mac Mac) for Kobe
Chunghing (Jardine) for Incheon
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a.s. "HEWABANG" Sandakan 3rd Feb.
a.s. "CHOYBANG" Tientsin & Tientsin 4th Feb.

ARRIVALS FROM

a.s. "WINGSANG" Keelung 29th Jan.
a.s. "ESANG" Calcutta & Straits 30th Jan.
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a.s. "LOKBANG" Japan & Keelung 31st Jan.

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ARRIVALS FROM

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DOA ex-Tokyo 2:30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipei 4:10 p.m.
and 4:15 p.m.

TOMORROW

PAA ex-Singapore 1:15 p.m.
CPA ex-Hongkong 3 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu
Waka, Tokyo, Osaka 12:45 p.m.
DOA ex-Tokyo 2:30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipei 4:10 p.m.
and 4:15 p.m.

SATURDAY

CPA ex-Singapore via Bangkok 7 a.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu
Waka, Tokyo, Osaka 12:45 p.m.
DOA ex-Tokyo 2:30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipei 4:10 p.m.
and 4:15 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Dacca, Colombo, London 2:30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipei 4 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.
CPA for Tokyo, Vancouver 2:30 p.m.
TAL for Guam 9 a.m.

TOMORROW

CPA for Singapore via Bangkok 6:45 a.m. Halphong 1 a.m.
PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Dacca, Colombo, London 2:30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipei 4 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.
CPA for Tokyo, Vancouver 2:30 p.m.
TAL for Guam 9 a.m.

SATURDAY

AIR FRANCE for Paris via Hong Kong, Calcutta, Karachi, Dacca, Colombo, London 2:30 p.m.
PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Dacca, Colombo, London 2:30 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipei 4 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.
CPA for Tokyo, Vancouver 2:30 p.m.
TAL for Guam 9 a.m.

CHINA

January 20
20 Peking (RIL) for Tientsin
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February 1
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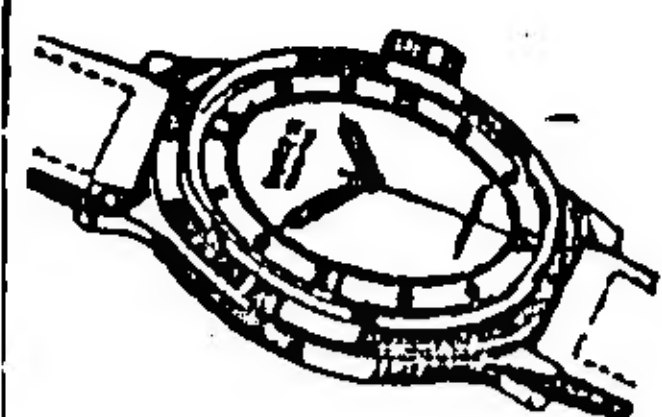
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HONG KONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1950.

Sports Pause



Boxing:

Freddie Mills knocked out by Joey Maxim in 10th round

London, January 24. Joey Maxim, of the United States, knocked out Freddie Mills, the World Light-Heavyweight Champion, in the 10th round of their 15-rounds' title fight at Earl's Court tonight. A capacity crowd of 18,000—saw the fight. It was Mills' first defence of the title since he won the crown from Gus Lesnevich, of the United States, in July, 1948.

Mills, opened in vigorous style, punching with left and right to the body. Maxim, left the champion off at close quarters but at longer range Mills knocked the American with a left hook to the jaw and then a right to the temple.

SAINTS BEAT HQ LAND FORCES

In a fast and furious game, the Saints beat the Home Forces 1-0. The match was played at the Home Forces ground, and the Saints scored in the 10th minute.

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SERVICES CRICKET MATCH

The Royal Air Force, the Royal Navy, and the Royal Army played a cricket match at the Home Forces ground, and the Royal Air Force won.

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HONG KONG BANK XI

The following will represent the Hong Kong Bank in the Inter-Hong cricket match against the Home Forces at the Home Forces ground, on Sunday, January 29, at 11 a.m.

F. C. B. Black, J. A. Butcher, J. L. Boyer, R. S. Cull, R. C. Gardner, R. D. Gutch, R. D. Hooper, P. E. Hutton, F. J. Knightly, R. P. H. Nelson and A. L. Smith.

HUNT CLUB MEET

There will be a Meet of the Hong Kong Polo & Hunt Club at Sanauk Camp, Hunting, on Sunday, January 29, at 11.15 a.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION

On Saturday, the 28th day of January, 1950 Commencing at 2.30 p.m.

At Podder Building, Basement

A Large Collection of

RARE PERSIAN, BOKHARA

AND INDIAN CARPETS AND RUGS

(Sizes: 6' x 3' to 15' x 12')

including Kashan, Kirman, Mashad, Tabriz, Isfahan and Other Carpets.

These Carpets and Rugs can be inspected on Thursday and Friday, the 26th and 27th January, 1950 (between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.) and on Saturday, the 28th January, 1950 (between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.).

Terms: 50% on Fall of Hammer and Balance by Tuesday, the 31st January, 1950.

LAMBERT BROS. Auctioneers.

WASHER AND GUSSIE WIN ALL-INDIA SINGLES TITLES

Madras, January 24. Belgium's Philip Washer won the hard court singles tennis championship today when he beat R. Deyo of the Philippines in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Britain's Geoffrey Bush and Mrs. Betty Hilton won the mixed doubles crown when they beat Pedro Masip of Spain and Mrs. Wares, 6-0, 6-2.

When he played a relentless offensive game against Deyo, the Filipino was forced to play a tactical game at which he was not adept. (United Press)

HOCKEY MATCH

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Softball:

Home-run production will be cut down

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Last week's surprising softball results in which potential finalists suffered reverses, have given several teams who had almost given up hope, a mathematical chance for the final series.

Only two full games separate the first and tenth on the current league standings and any further upsets will make the race for the flag one of the keenest ever contested.

The removal of the home-plate from the far end of the CBA Park to the side nearest Club de Recreio has made out-of-the-park homers almost an impossibility, except for batters hitting from the left side.

As this is the exception rather than the rule for local players, home-run production will be cut down tremendously.

In order that the last games may be finished before darkness sets in, it has been decided to start the first games at 8.00 a.m. on Sundays instead of at 9.30 a.m.

Fans who have been impressed by Navy hurler Ben Flor's speedball will be sorry to hear that the mound artist has been released from the Salisbury Sound outfit due to a shoulder injury.

In his place, Coach Chasin has signed on Drennan.

The Baseballers' talent search has produced the following, who will be seen in action this week: Marty Beeler, Tom Swift and Joe Morris, the latter of pre-war Mohawk fame.

League standings to date

MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE			
Team	Won	Lost	Pctg
St. Joseph's	8	2	.800
Braves	9	3	.750
U.S. Navy	9	3	.750
Jaguars	8	3	.727
Americans	8	4	.667
Overseas	6	4	.600
Madcaps	6	4	.600
Canadians	7	3	.583
Pandas	7	5	.583
St. Teresa	4	7	.464
Chung Hua	5	8	.387
Daredevils	1	10	.091
Cumbancheros	1	11	.083
Baseballers	0	12	.000

MEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE			
Team	Won	Lost	Pctg
Roxes	11	3	.786
Blackhawks	10	3	.769
Overseas	10	3	.769
Spartans	7	6	.538
Braves	6	7	.462
Aces	5	6	.455
Delawareans	3	10	.231
Griffins	2	10	.167
Pandas	2	10	.167

LADIES SENIOR LEAGUE			
Team	Won	Lost	Pctg
Whooes	5	1	.833
Canadians	3	3	.500
Wildcats	2	3	.400
Pirates	1	4	.200

LADIES JUNIOR LEAGUE			
Team	Won	Lost	Pctg
White Fangs	4	1	.800
St. Teresa	4	3	.571
Squaws	3	3	.500
Gloves	2	4	.333
McYvelas	0	6	.000

Gurkhas win Army cross-country race

Thirty Nepalese troopers of the Gurkha Rifles finished in close order to bring championship honours to their regiment in the Land Forces Inter-Unit and Individual Cross-Country Championships held at Dill's Corner in Fanning yesterday.

With a total of 296 points, the 2/6 Gurkha Rifles won the Inter Unit Championship, followed by their brother unit, the 2/10 Gurkha Rifles who were runners up with a total of 523 points.

Laurent Ward of the 23 Field Regiment, R.A. finished first in a field of 310 starters. His time for the six and three quarter miles over hills and dunes was 43 minutes and 36 seconds.

Runner-up for Individual was Sergeant Shaw of the 23 Field Regiment who finished 16 seconds behind Laurent Ward.

It was a race between the two in the start. They drew ahead of the pack at the early part of the race then paced one another both led the field. The course was a mix of hard and soft ground.

Each unit comprised of 15 runners, 12 of whom had to complete the course to be eligible for the inter-unit competition. The Gurkha Rifles had the most early finishers.

Prizes were presented by Brigadier Coad, DSO, Acting Commanding Officer, 40 Division Results were:

Individual Champion: 1 Lieutenant Ward, 2 Sergeant Shaw, 3 Trooper Stebbings. Times: 43/36

Inter Unit Championships: 1 2/10 Gurkha Rifles (296 points), 2 2/6 Gurkha Rifles (523 points), 3 Royal Leicestershire (656), 4 23 Field Regiment, R.A. (678), 5 Royal Tank Regiment (700).

INDIAN TABLE TENNIS TEAM FOR WORLD MEET

Bombay, January 24. An Indian table tennis team will leave for the World Championship meet in Budapest, it is learned. The Budapest events commence on January 29.

Bombay's U. M. Chandana will lead the Indian team, which will include Ramesh (Bengal) and J. V. S. Rao (Madras).

Miss Sultana who won the Ladies Singles Title at Hyderabad recently, will also accompany the team. (Reuter)

JOE DIMAGGIO SIGNS 1950 CONTRACT FOR U.S.\$100,000

New York, January 24. Outfielder Joe Dimaggio, whose inspired leadership in spite of injuries and illness, helped to give New York Yankees the pennant and world championship last season, signed his 1950 contract today for approximately \$100,000—the same amount he received last year. (United Press)

DUTIES & C. PAID BY SINGAPORE F.A.

Singapore, January 24. The Singapore Amateur Football Association paid Straits \$88,487 for entertainment duty. Straits \$47,535 as commission to Municipal authorities, and Straits \$14,441 for Municipal staff employed in selling and checking tickets and other duties during the last 13 months.

The SFA has also been requested to pay income tax, but the amount has not been assessed. (Associated Press)

BADMINTON

The following are the results of badminton matches played last night.

Men's Doubles: "B" Division Hong Kong University 6, Chung Wah 3.

Men's "C" Division Homofolks 5, St. Theresa's 4.

CLUB SOCCER TEAMS

The following will represent the Club in a 1st Division League soccer game against C.A.A. at Boundary Street on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Brown, Roberts, Barber, Miller, Lock, Strange, Fowler, Wilger, Hardwick, Main, Blockford.

In the 2nd Division game against K.T. Chee on Sunday at the Club ground, the Club line-up will be:

Captain: Lock. Fullback: Uguant, Malden. Baker, Johnson, Glodhill, Nelson, Stewart, Barker. Kick-off: 2.30 p.m.

F.A. Cup-4th round:

Spurs -- Sunderland game "plum" of the draw

(By "ALBION")

Official report on HK cost of living

(Continued From Page 1)

It follows that a survey based on the standard of living of the middle class is also representative of the situation of a wide section of the manual labouring class earning high wages in permanent employment. At the same time since the expenditure preference of the middle class is more in line with the field of European preferences (e.g. in their choice of clothing) the increase in middle class cost of living found in a survey of their expenditure affords some indication of the trend of movements (though not of the extent of such movements) in the cost of living of Europeans and those who have adopted Western standards of life.

The Report explains how the figures were obtained. First a survey of the expenditure of a number of households of the middle class was undertaken to determine the relative importance of various directions of expenditure over a given period.

Secondly a survey of price movements of selected goods and services in common use by the middle class was made. The first survey revealed the percentages of expenditure or "weights" as they are technically called, by means of which the relative importance of different directions of expenditure could be expressed.

It is a comparatively simple matter to find out the percentage increase or decrease between the dates in the price of a particular commodity or even to find out the average percentage increase or decrease in the price of a group of commodities.

It is not sufficient however merely to obtain a number of average percentage figures in respect of items in common use, add them together and divide by the total number of items in order to obtain the general percentage increase in prices. For some items are far more important than others and a small percentage increase in the price of rice which is purchased every day has a much greater effect on the household budget than a large percentage increase in the price of clothing which is purchased at less frequent intervals.

It is therefore necessary to attach to each item or group of items purchased an appropriate "weight" which will reflect its relative importance, proportionate to that of other expenditure, in the household budget.

These "weights" are obtained by a systematic examination of the patterns of expenditure of a number of households during a given period.

The figure representing the percentage increase in the price of each item or group of items is then multiplied by its appropriate "weight" and the sum of the products of these multiplications is divided by the sum of the "weights."

The result represents the "weights" average percentage increase in the cost of living.

It is of course necessary that periodic checks of household expenditure should be made to see if the "weights" remain accurate. After the initial survey in March 1947 checks of household expenditure were conducted in June 1948 and in July 1949. The check in June 1948 showed results strikingly similar to those found in the original survey but the July 1949 revealed a slightly increased percentage expenditure on food and a corresponding decrease in other expenditure.

Retail prices at that time were moving sharply upward and the change revealed was one to be expected, since food is an item on which expenditure must continue despite rising prices and therefore the average household must economize in other directions when the price of food increases.

The Report describes the methods by which the enquiries into household expenditure were conducted and praises the response of those members of the Community who volunteered to assist.

A wide and representative sample was achieved. The households surveyed had earned their living in a large number of different trades or callings and their home addresses were distributed throughout 168 different streets in Hong Kong and Kowloon.

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The average "patterns" of expenditure obtained in these surveys were used for "weighting" the average percentage changes in the prices of goods and commodities, and of services used by the middle class of the Community.

It is the high price of rice that has necessitated the post-war increases in labour wage rates (from 500 per cent 700 per cent above pre-war levels) which are smothering local industries with high overheads, and are directly and indirectly forcing the whole price structure of the urban community into the spiral of inflation.

Certainly there are other contributory influences—such as profligacy in rents and consumer goods other than rice; but if the issue of rice prices could be solved, the back of the price problem would be broken.

The 'plum' of the draw for the fourth round of the FA Cup, in my estimation, is the game at White Hart Lane.

There should be a record crowd to witness the duel between Tottenham Hotspur and Sunderland, both of whom have run into such fine form this season.

I think out of this tussle should emerge the ultimate winner of the Cup for 1950.

Spurs have reached the Cup Final three times in past years to win the Cup on each occasion. Sunderland won the cup in 1947 when they had that formidable forward line consisting of Dunn, Ralch, Carter, Gurney, Gallagher and Burbanks.

Will it be Sunderland's year again? With two such stars as Wilson and Shackleton, both of whom are in brilliant form this season, my vote chance for Wolves would seem to rest with the Roker Turk Lads.

Wolverhampton, the Cup holders should progress further by beating Sheffield United away.

Record worthy of note. The latter's cup record is worthy of note, they having won the trophy on no less than four occasions previously.

I fear that United do not carry enough heavy "guns" to shatter Wolves' chances of a second successive crack at the Cup.

Liverpool, now back at the head of Division 1, would seem to have the easiest of matches in their tie with Exeter. Poor old Exeter I consider.

Hull City are fortunate enough to have another Third Division team as their opponents in this round.

They go to Stockport this Saturday and, after their scuffling game with Southport in the last round, they will no doubt use out to make it in one effort this time. They should beat Stockport.

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